

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-21, 24-26, 28 and 29 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 23 and 27 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 8, 10-13, 16, 18-21, 24-26 and 28 are amended herein. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application in view of the instant response.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the outstanding Office Action it was indicated that Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-21, 24-26, 28 and 29 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 10, 18, 24 and 28 have been written in independent form to include all the limitations of their base claims and are thus now allowable. Consequently, Claims 3-8 dependent on Claim 2, Claims 11-16 dependent on Claim 10, Claims 19-21 dependent on Claim 18, Claims 25 and 26 dependent on Claims 24, and Claim 29 dependent on Claim 28 are likewise allowable as being dependent on allowable base claims.

103 Rejection

Claims 1, 9, 17, 22-23 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kenton et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,560). The Applicant respectfully submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of Claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 23 and 27 is moot as Claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 23 and 27 have been canceled herein.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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